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Sunday, February 3, 1952

We had for lunch today the Comte de Paris, the Bonsals, M. Japy the architect at Versailles, and the Cuban Ambassador, M. Ayala and his wife.

At five o'clock, we had a meeting at the house in town of Messrs. MacArthur, Bonsal, Wallner, Tomlinson and myself to go over the Secretary's reply to M. Schuman's letter, which arrived here this morning. It is an admirable message, but it does not take account of our suggestion ~~to give assurances, together~~ with the British, that action would be taken if the Germans should attempt at any time to secede from the EDC and engage, on a national basis, in a military venture. Such a fear on the part of the French is more powerful than their apprehension about an aggression against the West by ^{the Soviets} ~~the Soviets~~. It will color the forthcoming debate on the EDC in the French Parliament, and we are all of the opinion that at least some way of dealing with it should be discussed between the three-Occupying Powers.

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We talked for some hours about this and sent off a telegram to Washington.

Eva and Bert Jolis came to dinner with us and we had a ^{fine} ~~time~~ time as always with them.

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